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LONDON.—F. ALGAE, 8; Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus. H. C. BATES, HENRY & CO., 4, Old Jewry. E. C. SAMUEL DRAGON & CO., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.
NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.
SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLAKE, San Francisco.
SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLE & CO., Square, Singapore. C. HEINZEN & CO., Manila.
CHINA.—Swallow, QUILKIN & CAMPBELL, Amoy. WILSON, NICHOLLS & CO., Foochow. HEDGE & CO., Shanghai. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,

Banks.
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 650,000 Dollars.
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" 6 " 4 per cent. "
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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, August 16, 1877.
CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.
CAPITAL, £200,000. RESERVE FUND, £10,000.

BANKERS.
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.
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Local Bills discounted, and Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Deposits for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.
NOTICES OF FIRMS.
WE have authorised Mr. EDWARD GEORGE to sign our Firm by Procuration: NORTON & CO. Hongkong, October 20, 1877.
NOTICE.
WE hereby give notice that our late assistant ASHREW, generally known as "SMALL," is no longer in our employ. Patrons will please note.
HIB-NAM, BRAKERS, &c., Endicott Land, Hongkong, October 28, 1877.
NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. F. RAPP in our Firm ceased from this day.
F. BLACKHEAD & CO. Hongkong, October 1, 1877.
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FROM This Date Mr. EDWARD SHEPPARD and Mr. M. W. GREGG, are authorized to sign the name of our Firm for Procuration at Foochow, and Mr. F. K. ELWELL at Amoy.
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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO. Hongkong, September 22, 1877.
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EDWARD VERRILL, Manila, September 12th, 1877.
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## Notices to Consignees.

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.  
FLEURS CASTLE,  
FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of Mr A. M. G. HEATON, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 5th Proximo will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, October 29, 1877. no5

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship OCEANIC, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

G. B. EMORY,  
Agent.

Hongkong, October 28, 1877. no5

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Venice having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Hongkong, October 28, 1877. no5

GERMAN BARK MARCO-POLO,  
FROM HAMBURG.

CONSIGNEES of  
A M 37/1  
Macao, 35 cases Merchandise,  
via Hongkong.

Shipped by J. C. JULIUS MÖLLES, are hereby informed that the same have been landed and stored at their expense and risk.

No Fire Insurance has been covered.

WIELER & Co.,  
Agents for Bark Marco-Polo.

Hongkong, October 17, 1877.

BRITISH BARQUE ELMSTONE,  
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, October 10, 1877.

BARQUE STRATHMORE, FROM KURRACHEE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, October 22, 1877.

BRITISH BARQUE MELBREK,  
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, October 15, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

CARRINGTON, American ship, Captain W. Lull.—Stanssen & Co.

WOODVILLE, British barque, Captain Nielsen.—Wm. Pustau & Co.

ALPHINGTON, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham.—Wiles & Co.

CHURCHILL, British ship, Captain E. Shrewsbury.—Wiles & Co.

MELUSINE, German barque, Captain Th. Pfleider.—Melschers & Co.

FERNOWEZ, British steamer, Capt. J. H. von Bargen.—Chinese.

NORTHERN STAR, British barque, Capt. J. Worthley.—Wiles & Co.

TWO, Dutch barque, Capt. T. Westerveld.—Siemens & Co.

COLORADO, American ship, Captain In-  
graham.—Russell & Co.

VERA, German barque, Captain Dirks.—  
Melschers & Co.

KATE GARNET, British barque, Captain James Wilson.—Melschers & Co.

ONWARD, British schooner, Captain J. Dyer.—Lake, Crawford & Co.

SOPHIA, British barque, Captain Heje.  
M. J. & Co.

EDOMINAIL, British ship, Captain H. Brinsford.—J. & Co.

## To-day's Advertisements.

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.  
FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamer  
"FLEURS CASTLE"  
will be despatched for the  
above Port on WEDNES-  
DAY, the 31st instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, October 30, 1877. no5

FOR HAIFONG (DIRECT).

The Steamship  
"DALE,"

Captain J. THOMPSON, will be  
despatched for the above Port  
on THURSDAY, the 1st November, at  
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,  
Hongkong, October 30, 1877. no5

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship  
"DOUGLAS,"

Captain G. D. PITMAN, will be  
despatched for the above Ports  
on FRIDAY, the 2nd November, at  
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,  
Hongkong, October 30, 1877. no5

FOR SOUBABAYA.

The A 1 Dutch Barque  
"GROEN V. PRINSER,"

Captain DE JONES, will load for  
the above Port, and will have  
immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
MELCHERS & Co.,  
Hongkong, October 30, 1877. no5

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell  
by Public Auction, in their Sale  
Room, Praya Central, on

**FRIDAY,**

the 2nd November, at NOON,—  
An Invoice of H. ROGERS, Sons & Co.'s CUTLERY, comprising: Pen-knives, Sailor's Knives, Table and Dessert Knives, Razors. Best Sheffield Electroplated Tea Sets, Coffee Services, Tea and Tomato Kettles, Mugs, Cruet Stands, Salt Cellars, Britannia Metal Tea and Coffee Pots, TOY PLIANOS 5 to 12 Notes, Purse, Cash Boxes, Pipes, Wire Dish Covers.

**Also,**

Fire-proof Iron Chests, 24 to 36 inches.  
3 cases Turkey Sponges.

**TERMS OF SALE.**—Cash before delivery  
in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.  
The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors  
of description, at purchaser's risk on the  
fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, October 30, 1877. no5

Charterers Effected.

The following charters have been effected  
during the last few days:—

British bark MULBRAK, 870, Cebu to  
London or Liverpool, private.

British bark Sophie, 716, Manila, Ilo Ilo  
or Cebu to the Channel for orders to a port  
in the United Kingdom or on the Continent  
between Havre and Hamburg, private.

British bark STAGHOUND, 972, Manila to  
San Francisco, private.

British ship CILURNUM, 1884, hence to  
San Francisco, private.

American bark H. N. CARLETON, 872,  
hence to Honolulu, private.

French bark GENEVIEVE, 630, hence to  
Singapore, \$1,600 in full, 15 lay days.

German bark MARCO POLO, 858, hence to  
Sagoo, \$600 in full.

British bark W. E. GLADSTONE, 534,  
hence to Quinhon and back, 23 cents per  
pound, 25 lay days.

German bark DEUTSCHLAND, 269, Chao-fu  
to Swatow, \$1,000 in full, 20 lay days.

German bark Vesta, 302, Chao-fu to  
Hongkong, 13 cents per pound, 25 lay days.

French bark St. Joseph, 238, hence to  
Labuan and back, 25 cents per pound, 32  
lay days.

French bark DAUPHIN, 327, hence to  
Haiphong and back, 20 cents per pound, 30  
lay days.

German brig TARTAR, 256, hence to Haiphong  
and back, 20 cents per pound, 30 lay days.

German steamer BELLONA, hence to Saigon  
and back, \$6,000 in full, 11 lay days.

The German barque MELUSINE, 937 tons,  
left for Manila to load for San Francisco  
under charter effected at home.

British ship DARTMOUTH, 615 tons, left  
for Manila "seeking."

**SHIPPING.**

**ARRIVALS.**

Oct. 28, YANGTZE, British steamer, 783,  
E. SCHULTE, Shanghai Oct. 28, General-  
SIEZEMANN & Co.

Oct. 30, DOUGLAS, British steamer, 564,  
G. D. PITMAN, Foochow Oct. 26, Amoy 28,  
and Swatow 29, General—DOUGLAS LA-  
PRAIK & Co.

Oct. 30, VOLGA, French steamer, 1003,  
ROLLAND, Yokohama Oct. 23, Mails and  
General—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Oct. 30, PRIMA, British steamer, 1576,  
S. H. BUTLER, Liverpool Sept. 5, via Ports  
of Call, and Singapore Oct. 22, General—  
BURKE & SWINN.

Oct. 30, HIDESTONE, British steamer, 991,  
A. B. MACINTOSH, Calcutta Oct. 11, Penang  
18, and Singapore 21, General—DAVID  
BASSON, Sons & Co.

Oct. 30, H. M. S. VIGILANT, from a cruise.

**DEPARTURES.**

Oct. 28, VERA, for Cebu.

Oct. 29, SOPHIA, for Manila.

Oct. 30, YANGTZE, for Canton.

Oct. 30, YAO, for Coast Ports.

Oct. 30, H. M. S. VIGILANT, for a cruise.

Oct. 30, H. M. S. ORIZABA, for Shanghai.

Oct. 30, MELUSINE, for Manila.

Oct. 30, PROSPERITY, for Bangkok.

CLEARED.

Deutschland, for Chefoo.

Batasia, for Sourabaya.

W. E. Gladstone, for Quinhon.

Fleure Castle, for Shanghai.

Priam, for Shanghai.

Arrived.

Per Volga, from Yokohama: for Hong-  
kong, 1 Chinese; for Saigon, Messrs. Vallet,  
Lusseau, Le Bureau, Floch, Valentim,  
Conture, and Deemps; for Batavia, Messrs.  
J. Caillons and child, and Rovier; for  
Marseille, Messrs. Massaza, Vigan, Rio-  
cardi, Martinielli, Bossolo, Andreotti, In-  
berti, Fonra, Maurer, Torunja, Geroux,  
Barucco, and Vivet.

Per Hindostan, from Siam, Messrs. E.  
Anjello, D. Sorabjee, E. Benjamin, Ken-  
nedy and Son, and 108 Chinese.

Per Douglas, from Coast Ports, Messrs.

Hazelton, Oruich, Fleming, Mr and Mrs  
Nunes, Sister Maria Stella and 77 Chinese.

Per Priam, from Singapore, &c.

Departed.

Per Hindostan, from Siam, Messrs. E.  
Anjello, D. Sorabjee, E. Benjamin, Ken-  
nedy and Son, and 108 Chinese.

Per Douglas, from Coast Ports, 2 European

and 180 Chinese.

To Depart.

Per Priam, for Shanghai, 80 Chinese.

Per W. E. Gladstone, for Quinhon, 8  
Chinese.

passed between them, when they had a struggle. The Constable then blew his whistle, but no one came to his help. The defendant then took away his staff and struck him on the legs (shewed a mark.) He also tore the Constable's uniform. Two Parsee gentlemen then came, and one went to fetch a Policeman. It was then ascertained that the parcel contained clothing and that there was a chit addressed to Mr Coxon. The Parsee gentleman advised him to take the defendant to Mr Coxon's house; a Sikh constable had been brought by the Parsee, and he went also, with the party to Mr Coxon's house. On arrival there Mr Coxon told them that the parcel was all right, and advised them to release the defendant. He did so, but made a report at the station, when he was authorized to take out a summons. The defendant said when he was challenged, he told the Constable that it was not 9 o'clock yet. They then had a struggle, in the course of which he tore the Police man's uniform because they were pulling each other.—Mr Coxon said that about 7 p.m. he heard a great commotion at the back of his house; he enquired what it was, when his servant came to him with a small parcel in brown, also a chit and a book. The servant told him that there was a difficulty with the messenger and a constable about the parcel. He told the boy to say that it was all right, but afterwards he heard the noise continued and went down to ascertain the cause, when he saw a huge Sikh Policeman and a Chinese Constable having charge of the defendant. He asked the Constables to release him, and asked them if they had any summons to come into his house. The Chinese Constable shewed him a torn jacket but did not shew any broken staff. He told the Constables that he would summon them for trespassing into his house, and the Sikh Constable went on his knees.—The defendant was fined 10/-, and to pay 5/- for the damage to Police property.

#### SUPREME COURT. IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION. (Before His Honor Mr Justice SNOWDEN.)

30th October, 1877.

Lammett and others v. C. L. Theron, \$129.50.—The claim was for goods supplied and delivered. A portion of the sum due had been paid, and the amount now sued was the balance. Mr Moore, of the plaintiff's firm, proved the debt, and judgment was given against the defendants who did not appear, as he was absent at Canton.

Cheung Sai Ching v. Lo Ayow, \$9.—The claim was for money lent. The defendant admitted his indebtedness only to the extent of 1,600 cash, which he, however, urged was a gambling debt. After a deal of evidence was taken, and books examined, the plaintiff was nonsuited.

Ng Afoo v. John Kennedy, \$5 60.—The defendant was sued for wages from the 28th September to the 25th inst. The plaintiff had given notice to leave, but left before the expiration of the month as the defendant kicked him. The defendant said he never kicked the plaintiff, who had not given any notice whatever, and that he left, he believed, because he had got a better situation elsewhere. After evidence was taken, his Lordship gave judgment for the defendant, remarking that he did not believe that the plaintiff was ever kicked at all, and that servants who had been making false assertions against their masters had been sent to prison for perjury, but that in the present instance he refrained from doing so, because the plaintiff had never asserted that the kick was a severe one, nor had he committed himself to the extent which rendered his being made an example of necessary.

Low Achong v. Ashton, \$7.—The defendant is a lance corporal of the 23th Regiment, and the claim was for balance of a sum due for the building of a boat for \$25. The defendant alleged that the work was not completed, and judgment was given for the plaintiff, money to be paid into Court pending the completion of the work.

Low Aman v. The Hongkong and Whampao Dock Company, limited, \$22.50.—The claim was for wages for the months of June and July as a workman at the Dock at Kowloon. Mr Jean, Clerk of the Company at this branch, said the plaintiff had been sent to Gaol for two months for stealing a piece of lead pipe from a ship, and the Company had to supply the pipe thus stolen, at \$30, and plaintiff's wages were consequently stopped in order to pay for the pipe.

The plaintiff admitted stealing the pipe, but urged that it was an act for which he had been punished, and that consequently he could sue for wages which had become due. The Court said the defendant ought to have pleaded a set-off, and adjourned the case till next week to enable him to do so. At the same time, he observed, it was a very impudent thing for the plaintiff to make the claim.

Botelho v. Ho Achoo.—This was an application by Mr Francis on behalf of the plaintiff for an interim order to restrain the defendant from pulling down or injuring a wall which separates the plaintiff's property from that of the defendant. The plaintiff has some property in Rosario and Bridge Streets, and the defendant owns the adjoining lot; between these two properties is a piece of neutral ground, but in carrying on the work of building, the defendant injures the plaintiff's wall. The work is now going on, and all that the plaintiff now asks is that the defendant should be restrained from continuing the work, pending the decision of the suit which has been taken against the defendant, and which will be tried next week.

His Lordship considered the defendant entitled to the rule of injunction, and granted the application.

#### China.

SHANGHAI  
(News)

We mentioned some days ago that a number of salt smugglers had congregated near Yangchow, coolly lifted the Customs barrier, and attacked and overcame the officials who tried to hinder them. It is said that they have since been overcome, and nearly 100 boats captured. Several of the crew will, of course, be beheaded, and the majority squashed and let go—bill next time.

It has been understood for some time that the Debreture soldiers in the Yezum would

not receive any dividend this year, and the closure of the accounts confirms this impression. This is owing to the fact that so few outside Troops visited the place; the amount received for rent of the Theatre, from this source, having been only about £1s. 400 as against \$2,800 last season.

TEKING. Oct. 15th, 1877.

The one absorbing topic in this region is the famine, which is even now beginning to be felt in Shan-hsi and adjacent parts of the neighbouring provinces, so that though much has been written on this subject it is impossible to send tidings from this region without some reference to it. In the region surrounding this city there has been at least half a crop, so that though there is scarcity and distress, there is no actual famine. In the city itself the very high price of silver adds to the distress of the working classes, for they are paid in cash and no material addition has been made to their wages. They are now receiving 50 per cent less than they used to do, while the price of food, if reckoned in cash, is fully double the steamer Bouer, which is due here on the 28th inst.

A somewhat novel appointment appeared in the Government Gazette of the 5th inst., viz., that of the Hon. H. A. K. Whampao, o.m.c., and m.l.c., as Chinese Consul. The reason or object of this appointment has not transpired, but it is surmised to have something to do with the working of the Chinese Immigrant Ordinance, which was brought into operation in an emasculated form on the 24th September last, the main clauses being suspended. All that is done for the present is to forbid the landing or disembarkment of immigrants at any place but the three ports without the permission of the Governor, and to insist that every immigrant vessel be boarded on arrival by the Protector of Chinese or one of his Assistants.

The adulteration of Produce, more especially Gimbier and Black Pepper, has now reached such a pitch as to be almost intolerable. A general meeting was held under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce on the 11th instant, to consider the matter, and a Committee was appointed to devise remedial measures. The only effective remedy, as everybody knows and agreed upon, would be for the European merchants to combine together to put it down. And that is exactly the remedy which will not or cannot be adopted.

It is with regret that we have to record an act of Vandalism, for it is nothing less, by the Singapore Cricket Club, aided and abetted by the Government. They are deteriorating our beautiful Esplanade, the only place of recreation for Europeans in the place, by the erection of a bungalow, to be styled a Pavilion, on the western side next the Townhall, for the accommodation and refreshment of themselves and friends. They have obtained the permission of Government, it appears, for this encroachment and persist in their course in spite of remonstrance and the opinion of the general public. And as there appears to be no one who cares to take the lead in giving practical expression to public opinion, they may succeed for a time.

Two subjects of some interest and importance will be found discussed in our correspondence column. One is the incorrectness of the Import and Export returns. This subject has more than once occupied the attention of the Chamber of Commerce, and several attempts have been made at amendment but to little purpose. As with the adulteration of Produce, the remedy lies mainly in the hands of merchants themselves. The other subject is the licensing and proper regulation of the gro-shops in town. There is little doubt but these places and the liquor sold in them to sailors and soldiers require sharp inspection and stringent regulations.

The Penang Gazette narrates a case of "corruption and squeezes" by a Police Corporal, Rungayah by name, stationed at Teluk Ayer Tuvar, Province Wellesley. This estimable member of the force went at midnight to a neighbouring house, and walked off with the occupant, a man and his wife, for no reason whatever, to the lock-up. After they had been confined for some time, he offered to release them for \$10, which he afterwards abated to \$5, which they paid rather than be hand cuffed and sent to Butterworth. Mr Rungayah admitted the circumstances of the case, and he was sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

#### THE CLOSING OF THE WOOSUNG RAILWAY.

On Saturday, shortly after noon, the last train on the above Railway under the management of the Company, was started on its journey to Woosung. The whole of the rolling stock in the shape of carriages, numbering twelve, was attached to the new engine "Viceroy," the living freight consisting of nearly 400, of whom about 345 were Chinese of various grades of society, and including men, women, and children—many of the women evidently being the wives of tradesmen and others, whose husbands accompanied them. This mixture of the sexes is hardly to be wondered at, even in China, for the Railway is a great civilizer and a certain breaker-down of exclusiveness. The presence of females of a class generally confined to their apartments, or allowed to go abroad only with the utmost jealousy and precaution, was a source of much trouble.

The Choya Shinbun says that a letter has been received from some one in the town of Koga, in the Ebaragi ken, stating that a congregation who had assembled to hear the preaching of a foreign Christian missionary, were dispersed by the police. A similar occurrence is said to have taken place in the Akita ken.

The native silk-worms' egg card dealers had held several meetings lately, in one of the upper rooms in the Town Hall, Honcho-dori. The Mai Nichi Shinbun says that they decided that, out of 1,200,000 cartons, which now comprise the total stock in Yokohama, \$600,000 are to be thrown into the sea, and the remaining \$600,000 sold to the Italian *Graineurs*, to whom they have addressed a letter giving notice of this determination.—With reference to the foregoing, we have not been able to obtain all the information we could desire on the subject, but feel justified in asserting that the Japanese silk-worms' egg dealers have decided on the destruction of half a million cartons.

The Nichi Nichi Shinbun contains the intelligence that the Government are busy making arrangements to purchase, with the national money, from those who may hold them, the notes issued by the insurgents. The reason adduced for this very generous measure is that the inhabitants of the provinces where the war was waged were forced to accept those notes from the insurgents.

The Akibone Shinbun says:—A certain newspaper states that a number of the Japanese residents in Fusan were killed by the Koreans, who refused to maintain the terms of the treaty of friendship with the Japanese, and that H. E. Hanabusa, Charge d'Affaires, had delayed his landing in Fusan through these outrages. But, according to a letter now received from that harbour, nothing of this kind has happened; and all is at peace. The Japanese settlers have decided on opening a bazaar in the settlement. Hanabusa and his staff arrived in the *Takao Mori*. One of the crew died from cholera during the passage, and this was the reason that the navy did not immediately land.

#### The Straits.

(Straits Times.) We are glad to state that Mr Matthew Little's medical attendant take a more hopeful view to-day (Oct. 16th) of his condition. Consciousness has returned, and, altogether, the symptoms are reported to be more favourable.

Our new Governor, Sir William F. O. Robinson, left Sydney for this via Torres Straits by the E. and A. Co.'s steamer *Bouer*, which is due here on the 28th inst. A somewhat novel appointment appeared in the Government Gazette of the 5th inst., viz., that of the Hon. H. A. K. Whampao, o.m.c., and m.l.c., as Chinese Consul. The reason or object of this appointment has not transpired, but it is surmised to have something to do with the working of the Chinese Immigrant Ordinance, which was brought into operation in an emasculated form on the 24th September last, the main clauses being suspended. All that is done for the present is to forbid the landing or disembarkment of immigrants at any place but the three ports without the permission of the Governor, and to insist that every immigrant vessel be boarded on arrival by the Protector of Chinese or one of his Assistants.

The adulteration of Produce, more especially Gimbier and Black Pepper, has now reached such a pitch as to be almost intolerable. A general meeting was held under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce on the 11th instant, to consider the matter, and a Committee was appointed to devise remedial measures. The only effective remedy, as everybody knows and agreed upon, would be for the European merchants to combine together to put it down. And that is exactly the remedy which will not or cannot be adopted.

It is with regret that we have to record an act of Vandalism, for it is nothing less, by the Singapore Cricket Club, aided and abetted by the Government. They are deteriorating our beautiful Esplanade, the only place of recreation for Europeans in the place, by the erection of a bungalow, to be styled a Pavilion, on the western side next the Townhall, for the accommodation and refreshment of themselves and friends. They have obtained the permission of Government, it appears, for this encroachment and persist in their course in spite of remonstrance and the opinion of the general public. And as there appears to be no one who cares to take the lead in giving practical expression to public opinion, they may succeed for a time.

Two subjects of some interest and importance will be found discussed in our correspondence column. One is the incorrectness of the Import and Export returns. This subject has more than once occupied the attention of the Chamber of Commerce, and several attempts have been made at amendment but to little purpose. As with the adulteration of Produce, the remedy lies mainly in the hands of merchants themselves. The other subject is the licensing and proper regulation of the gro-shops in town. There is little doubt but these places and the liquor sold in them to sailors and soldiers require sharp inspection and stringent regulations.

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The same scene was witnessed at Bar Station, while that at the Creek terminus was simply a repetition of that at Shanghai. Owing to the high wind that prevailed, the run down occupied about 35 minutes, the return journey being made much more quickly. As the train sped onward towards Shanghai, the crowds were still congregated at the same points, as it is determined to see what they probably conceived would be the last of the steam-house, a sight they at first, during the earlier days of the construction of the Railway, beheld with a sense of dread, next with familiarity, and at last with welcome. Shanghai was reached about ten minutes to two o'clock, and the vast crowd still assembled there, and also the passengers, having taken their departure, the line was left to solitude—and the officials. The engine *Celestial Empire* followed the train down to Woosung for the purpose of bringing up some trucks laden with the ticket-cases and other property now turned over to the Chinese with the *Juno* and the *Christopher Columbus*. The boats were got into position, but some dispute arose which, it is said, was not very amicably settled, and they were not started.

Subjoined are the results of the other races:

MAN-OF-WAR'S BOAT RACE—CUTTERS.—  
No Entrance Fee. First Prize, \$25;  
Second, \$10. Distance, 1½ Miles.

1—*Ita Corsetta*, *Christopher Columbus*.....14 cars.  
2—H.M.S. *Juno*'s Cutter.....12.....  
" Curlew's .....10 .....  
" Pratice's .....10 .....  
Ita Corvette, *Christopher Columbus*.....12 .....

The *Juno*'s boat had an allowance of 20 seconds from the Italian; but coming in 28 seconds behind her, lost the race by eight seconds.

DOUBLE SCULLING RACE—DISTANCE, 1 MILE. Entrance Fee, \$6.

1—*Blue and White*, v. 2—*Red and White*.  
James Hall.....1st 11' F. Huchting.....11' 1st.  
R. P. Hunter.....10' 0 John Andrew.....10' 0

The boats got away well together; but Blue and White soon took the lead, and gradually increasing it, won by a long distance.

THE CHASSE CUP.—Presented by Tea Inspectors of Shanghai. Challenge 8-Oared Race in Shanghai 8'. Veterans v. Griffins (10 years and over in China) Entrance Fee, \$40 per boat. Distance, 1 Mile.

1—*Vestments*, Grey. 2—*Griffins*, Green.

Bow—P. K. Dumaresq.....1st Bow—C. H. King.....10' 1st.  
2—T. Smith.....11' 0 2—F. J. Smith.....11' 3  
3—E. W. Little.....11' 6 3—S. Sach.....12' 5  
4—Bob Mackenzie.....12' 5 4—O. W. Holiday.....12' 11  
5—B. A. Clarke.....10' 8 5—T. Brown.....10' 10  
John Morris.....11' 10 6—D. Goldsmith.....11' 10  
Stroke—A. Westall.....10' 10 Stroke—C. Johnstone.....10' 10  
Cox—C. A. Astbury.....10' 10 Cox—C. Johnstone.....10' 10

This race, fixed for half-past two, was not run till four o'clock. The Griffins had the inside place and took the lead immediately on starting. But little change took place for some time in the relative positions; the Griffins then slightly improved their lead and won by about two lengths. The Veterans were a powerful crew, but appeared to lack training.

BANKERS' CUP.—Presented by the Bankers of Shanghai. Senior Sculls. Open Sculling Race. Distance, 1½ Miles. Entrance Fee, \$6.

1—*M. W. Wyatt*, 1st 11' 0 *Blue and White*.  
2—*Diamond Glass*, 1st 11' 0 *St. James's Cross*.

Unfortunately only two boats in the French did not compete owing to some disagreement last year. The Americans had no service boats available. The Italians arrived too late. Only two boats started, both rowing four oars. A good start at 3:45. The *Juno*'s the heavier boat, won the toss and took outside place. At the first corner *Juno* was a length ahead, which the *Curlew* picked up down the straight; at Batt's Corner they were level, when the *Juno* made a magnificent spurt and won a splendid race by two lengths. Time 14 min.

GRIFFINS' PLATE.—Shanghai Four. For all who have not rowed in any previous Shanghai Regatta. Four Pelters. Entrance Fee, \$12. Distance 1 Mile.

1—*Blue and White*. st. 1st. st. 1st.

Bow—J. A. Sullivan.....1st 2 Bow—E. L. B. Allen.....10' 0  
2—J. M. Fabric.....10' 12 2—J. D. Crawford.....10' 6  
3—B. Goldsmith.....11' 10 3—O. Gipperich.....11' 1  
4—Bob Mackenzie.....11' 10 4—John Andrew.....14' 0  
5—Stroke—D. Glass.....11' 6 Stroke—C. Johnstone.....11' 1  
Cox—C. Dowall.....10' 9 Cox—James Hall.....9' 1

The rising hopes of Shanghai aquatics came gallantly to the post; and dipped their oars into the water as one man at 3:31. The blue and white boat won the toss and took the inside water. They had the disadvantage of two of their men having just rowed in the international; but they were ahead from the start, and rowing a very steady stroke, came in easy winners by three lengths. Time 6:03.

CHALLENGE FOUR-OARED RACE.—In Shanghai New Four. Committee v. Club. Distance, 1½ miles. Entry-money, \$20.

1—Committee. 2—Club. st. 1st. st. 1st.

Bow—Geo. T. Addis.....12' 2 Bow—J. C. Edis.....10' 8  
2—J. M. Fabric.....10' 12 2—J. D. Crawford.....10' 6  
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This was one of the most interesting races of the meeting. Each boat had three international oars in it, and the strokes were the same as in the great race. Glass won the toss and took the inside place. By this time the tide was running down strong, and very fast race was expected. The Committee were four stone heavier which was an advantage in the heavy boats used. At the start, which was at 4:27 p.m., Wyatt jumped off with the lead, and at the first corner was nearly a length ahead at Alpha Farm, which was passed at 4:30. Wyatt kept his lead of a length, but at Batt's Corner, Glass, helped by the corner, came up lead, and from this to the winning-post was a series of brilliant sprints. Wyatt ultimately coming in a winner by a quarter of a length. Time 6:03.

WE ENCLOSED.—On the 11th inst., about 70 miles off the Kii Channel, almost the entire strength of the cyclone which passed over Yokohama on the afternoon of the same date. The vessel having been thrown on her beam ends, a large quantity of

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H. DU POUHEY,  
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Hongkong, October 23, 1877.



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